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1. IN THE COURSE OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET  
FISHERIES.  
COMMISSION MEETING IN OSLO ON JANUARY 9-13, QUOTA ARRANGEMENTS WERE  
CONCLUDED FOR NORWEGIAN, SOVIET AND THIRD COUNTRIES FISHING IN THE  
BARENTS SEA, INCLUDING THE DISPUTED BORDER "GREY ZONE" AREA.  
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FISHING IN THE FISH PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD WAS NOT DISCUSSED  
AND THIS ISSUE IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN UP DURING THE FORTHCOMING  
CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE SOVIET UNION IN MOSCOW NOW  
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH.

2. QUOTAS AS FINALLY MADE PUBLIC ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
COD- TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH-810,000 METRIC TONS; USSR/NORWAY-

340,000 TONS EACH; THIRD COUNTRIES - 130,000 TONS (20,000 TONS TO BE FISHED IN SVALBARD COASTAL WATERS, 56,000 TONS IN THE NORWEGIAN BARENTS SEA, 34,000 TONS IN THE SOVIET BARENTS SEA, AND 20,000 TONS IN THE "GREY" ZONE --100,000 TONS EACH -- TO BE LICENSED BY SOVIET UNION AND BY NORWAY IN THE "GREY ZONE") - 80,000 METRIC TONS OF THE SOVIET QUOTA MAY BE FISHED IN THE NORWEGIAN BARENTS SEA - 30,000 TONS OF THE NORWEGIAN QUOTA MAY BE TAKEN IN THE SOVIET ZONE. HADDOCK - 150,000 TON TOTAL LIMIT, OF WHICH 65,000 TONS WILL GO TO BOTH NORWAY AND TO THE USSR - 20,000 TONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES WITH LICENSES TO BE ISSUED 60/40 BY NORWAY AND THE USSR. 10,000 TONS OF THE SOVIET QUOTA MAY BE FISHED IN NORWEGIAN WATERS, AND 5,000 TONS OF THE NORWEGIAN QUOTA IN THE SOVIET BARENTS SEA.

CAPELIN - AS REPORTED, NO TOTAL QUOTA HAS BEEN STIPULATED FOR CAPELIN IN 1978. NORWAY AND THE USSR MAY FISH UP TO 500,000 TONS OF CAPELIN IN EACH OTHERS ZONES IN THE BARENTS SEA IN 1978. (LAST YEAR, NORWEGIAN VESSELS FISHED 250,000 TONS OF CAPELIN IN THE SOVIET ZONE.)

OTHER SPECIES - TO BE CAUGHT AS BY-CATCHES, EXCEPT FOR SAITHE SOUTH OF THE 62ND PARALLEL WHERE THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN ALLOTTED A 40,000 TON QUOTA WITHIN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE:

3. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN AND FISHERIES UNCLASSIFIED

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AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES TO REPRESENT AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND CONSERVATION INTERESTS. THEY ARE ALSO REPORTED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE "FAIR" DISTRIBUTION OF CATCHES BETWEEN NORWAY, THE SOVIET UNION AND THIRD COUNTRIES. BREMER

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